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SUBJECT: INFORMAL MEETING - PAKISTAN DEBT

REF: (A) PARIS 14557, (B) STATE 107221

1. WHILE EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE OVERALL EXCELLENCE OF REFTEL A, WE MUST EXPRESS ALSO OUR SURPRISE THAT THIS MESSAGE, WHICH EXPLICITLY DISCUSSED THE US POSITION TOWARDS DEBT RESCHEDULING AND THE PERHAPS SENSITIVE VIEWS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER COUNTRIES ON PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND MANAGEMENT, WAS UNCLASSIFIED. IT WILL PROBABLY COME TO THE NOTICE OF THE GOP HERE.

2. WE MUST ASSUME THAT THE US OPPOSITION TO RESCHEDULING AT THIS TIME IS NOW WELL KNOWN, BUT WE NONETHELESS WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY PARA 6 OF REF B UNTIL WE RECEIVE THE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS PROMISED IN PARA 7 REF B. WE HOPE THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CAST IN A POSITIVE LIGHT AND WILL PERMIT US TO EXPRESS A SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS PAKISTAN'S SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, WELCOME ITS AVOWED DETERMINATION TO TACKLE THEM, AND SET FORTH OUR FUNDAMENTAL DESIRE TO BE FORTHCOMING ON ITS LONG-TERM NET RESOURCE INFLOW NEED.

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